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METHOD

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Sir:

Responsive to the final Office Action mailed in the above-captioned application on February 12, 2008, in which the three month shortened statutory period for submitting a response runs to May 12, 2008, but in which a response is being filed by the two month date running to April 14, 2008 (April 12, 2008 being a Saturday), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the following: **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.